

HOUSE RESOLUTION 364

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Captain Arthur W. Williamson, Jr., of the Somerville Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Captain Arthur W. Williamson, Jr., of the Somerville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Williamson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Williamson served with acumen and alacrity at the Somerville Manufacturing Company for sixteen years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, willing to risk his personal safety and concerns in order to protect and to serve his fellow citizens, Captain Williamson joined the Somerville Police Department in 1982; and

WHEREAS, throughout his almost twenty-five year tenure as a police officer, Arthur Williamson demonstrated unparalleled expertise and professionalism, prompting the City of Somerville to rename South Main Street as the Captain Arthur W. Williamson, Jr., Parkway; and

WHEREAS, Captain Williamson was an active and devout member of Smith's Chapel MB Church, where he was baptized and served as a Deacon and member of the Male Chorus; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Williamson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Captain Williamson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-five years, Mary Elizabeth Stocking Williamson; his daughter, Antonia Tonitte Williamson Lee; his son, Arthur LaQuan Williamson III; his granddaughter, Apprecia; his grandsons, Cecil, Terlandos, Arthur IV, and Armarion; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Annye, Cleora and her

husband, Leonard, Arnetia and her husband, Pedro, Evelyn and her husband, Robert, Jannie, and LaTangela; his brothers and sister-in-law, Willie and his wife, Mary, Benjamin, Jeremiah, Raynard, Allen, and Stevie; his three uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Williamson was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Williamson, Sr., and Bessie Mae Robertson Williamson, and his granddaughter, Alecia; and

WHEREAS, Captain Williamson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Captain Arthur W. Williamson, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Captain Williamson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.